

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A live *Plasmodium* organism that is genetically engineered to disrupt a gene whose expression is up-regulated in infective salivary gland sporozoites and whose function is not required for entry into host hepatocytes.

2-5. (Canceled).

6. (New) A live *Plasmodium* organism that is genetically engineered to disrupt a gene whose expression is up-regulated in liver-stage parasites and whose function is not required for entry into host hepatocytes.